

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 1-7, 25 and 32 are pending. Claims 26-31 have been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended herein. No new matter is added.

Allowed claims

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-4, 6, 25 and 32 are allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has indicated that claims 26 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by US Patent 6,436,654 to Berkenstam *et al.* Claims 26 and 28-30 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has indicated that claims 27 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Berkenstam in view of US Patent 6,165,977 to Mochly-Rosen and US Patent Application 2001/0034327 to Brunner *et al.* Claims 27 and 31 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has indicated that claim 5 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 1.75(c) for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 5 has been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this objection is moot and should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 7 is objected to, stating that the word “are” needs to be inserted between the words “exposed” and “induced” in line 2. Claim 7 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. This objection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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